



Monday Morning, April 6 1863.  
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CITY POLICE.

Howsoever much Victoria may be growing in numbers, in wealth and prosperity, we cannot close our eyes to the fact that in some other very important particulars there is still much room for complaint. We allude more particularly to the present arrangements for maintaining order in the city. It is not that as a general thing we are in a worse position in this respect than other cities on the coast, the contrary may perhaps be said to be the fact; but at the same time we cannot help perceiving that there is yet plenty of room for improvement. What is the reason for instance that all the police men seem to be detailed for promenading the city during the night, while they seldom show their face abroad during the day. Every one sees the necessity for having the town well guarded during the night, but daily events show an equal necessity for at least some attempt being made to preserve the public peace during the day. Not a week ago the disgraceful sight might be seen of a drunken Indian floundering along one of our principal streets, recklessly striking at passers by, until his progress was cut short by a blow from an individual attacked by him. Not a single policeman was to be seen on the street, who might have prevented so disgusting a sight in a civilized community. When the matter came up before the Police Magistrate, he comes out with the lame analogy that men who are on duty all night cannot be expected to be out in the day time.

No one denies that it is quite evident that the men must have some rest. But how is that accomplished on board ship or in the army. Cannot the system of watches be adopted in the police force, as well here as elsewhere. The number of policemen for day work need not amount to more than a very few in a town of this size for some time yet. Were one stationed in a prominent quarter, such as the corner of Yates and Government streets, and another on Johnson street, at the entrance of Market Alley, they would exercise a beneficial influence in maintaining the public peace. This would not interfere in a perceptible degree with the arrangements for keeping up a sufficient night force. If more men are required, let them be employed. If we are to pay for a police force, let it be as efficient as possible. Let it not be said that for want of a day policeman we suffer the continuance of the disgraceful scenes daily being enacted in that sink of iniquity — the Ravine. Nearly every large city has its St. Giles or its Five Points. They are, perhaps, the natural concomitants of vast aggregations of people. Here, however, we have the evil out of all proportion, without making a proper attempt to keep it within due bounds. It is in vain for the Police Commissioner to retort that the owners of houses in the locality in question should not let them to Indians and disreputable characters. None but those people will live there, and the houses will be rented. Neither the letting to, nor the residing of such characters there, is, in itself, contrary to law, but whisky selling, breaches of the peace, malice of the Police Commissioner, and should be kept in check by his keeping an officer in the neighborhood, by day as well as by night.

#### OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The debate in the Home Parliament this year upon the Address to the Throne seems to have, on the whole, passed off very quietly. Fortunately for the party in power, the recess has failed to be productive of many subjects capable of serving the Opposition as leaning points for any very serious attack upon the policy of their opponents. However, the "outs" seem to have made the most of the material before them. The Earl of Derby, touching upon the foreign policy of the Cabinet, administered some pretty cutting pleasantries to Earl Russel, under which the latter seems to have winced somewhat. The character of the Minister for Foreign Affairs is most admirably depicted.

"The noble Earl's readiness to undertake everything," remarks the Conservative leader, "has been proverbial since the days of Sydney Smith. If there is a difficulty to be settled—if it were a new constitution to be reorganized at once—if there is any embarrassing question which has occupied the attention of statesmen for years, and almost for centuries, the noble Earl is quite ready, at a minute's notice." The chief topics of the Queen's speech touched upon, however, by the Opposition, were the allusions to Greek affairs. The one having reference to the desire of the Greeks to make Prince Alfred their King, and the determination of the Crown not to yield to that wish, and the other the proposed relinquishment of the protectorate exercised by Great Britain over the Ionian Islands by ceding them to Greece. In reference to the former, the delay of the Government in giving an answer to the Greeks was adverted to in very strong terms, both by Lord Derby in the House of Lords and D'Israeli in the House of Commons. On the question of ceding the Islands composing the Ionian Republic to Greece, there seems to be a great variety of opinions, though, on the whole, the general tone seems favorable to the project. The leaders of the conservatives are opposed to it. They consider it a bad precedent. Instead of looking upon those islands as a trust for the benefit of the Greeks, they seem to consider them as absolutely British territory acquired by the rights of conquest, and to be held for the protection of British interests. They place them in the same class as Malta and Gibraltar—an necessary for guarding the highway to India. The question of the precedent of giving way to the claims of the Ionians, is thought by the Government to be redeemed by the fact that it will relieve England from the reproach of preaching what she does not practice, and that the present is the best opportunity that could be afforded to rid herself of a disagreeable and expensive responsibility.

The Times, in an article on the question, shows clearly enough that the Islands could never be available as a good military station, from the impossibility of properly fortifying the whole of them except at enormous expense, and from the liability, by the capture of one of them, of the remainder being comparatively useless. These facts, no doubt, not without their influence in shaping the policy of the Government, in which we imagine they may reckon upon the support of the public.

Intelligence received by the last mail intimates that H. M. S. Sutlej will probably be delayed some time at Rio de Janeiro in consequence of disturbances there.

#### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

#### AUCTION.

THIS DAY,

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At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

J. A. McCREA,

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ON A LIBERAL CREDIT,

EX "SIERRA NEVADA,"

And ordered to be sold on arrival,

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HAVE FOR SALE

ILLUSTRATED ORNAMENTAL,

BOOKS,

Uniform Libraries.

Handsome Pocket and Family Books,

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NELSON'S,

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And many of the favorite Books from the principal Eastern Publishers.

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25 boxes Castile Soap.

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HAMS AND SHOULDERS;

CHEESE;

CRACKERS;

STARCH;

TANNINS;

250 cases BRANDY;

CHAMPAGNE;

WALNUTS—New;

PARISIAN CANDLES;

MEAD—CALIFORNIA;

SALT TONGUES;

—ALSO—

BLUE SERGE SHIRTS;

COTTON AND WOOLEN SOCKS;

MOLESKIN PANTS;

OVERALLS;

FANCY AND WHITE SHIRTS;

TURKEY RED HANDKERCHIEFS;

SILK FINISH do;

WHITE HEMMED do;

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FROM NEW YORK,

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AT THE

Star and Garter

CONCERT HALL !

—ON—

MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

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4th April, 1863.

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WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Members of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce will be held at the News Room, Government Street, on MONDAY next, the 6th Inst., at 2 p.m.

By order of the President,

A. F. MAIN, Secretary.

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